

POPULATION DOUBLES SINCE 1950

CENSUS HITS

CHEMICAL PLANT CLEANS HOUSE

44,902

HEARING SET FOR TUESDAY

Since the City Council does not have the power to revoke a business license without a public hearing the John Wiley Jones Company, chemical manufacturers continued to operate this week.

Last week angry councilmen demanded that the plant be shut down overnight and steps be taken for a permanent closure as a result of deadly chlorine gas having escaped from the plant in dangerous amounts on several occasions. The gas menace required the evacuation of nearby residents on one occasion and threatened the city's water supply, it was charged.

The company is to get a hearing before the City Council Tuesday, November 24.

Drastic Changes Made

In the meantime the company has closed down partially and some drastic engineering changes are being introduced and studied, according to Walter N. Anderson, legal counsel for the firm.

Water lines are being re-routed and the entire engineering setup is being altered so that no accidents whatsoever will be possible, Anderson said.

Hopeful

The spokesman said that he

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An Ounce Of Prevention...

"Anything we can do to reduce the terrible disease of tooth decay which is afflicting Americans, and especially our youngsters, must be done. The disease is a national disgrace."

This grim warning came from Dr. Arthur Berke, a noted local children's dentist.

A committee of the Chamber of Commerce is now investigating the possibility of introducing water fluorination in Torrance. Fluorination has proven to be one of the highly effective factors in combating tooth decay.

Decay, Dr. Berke stated, is a degenerative disease and it is a crime that children should be afflicted with this at 3, 4, 5, and 6 years of age. It is the exception rather than the rule that a child keeps his baby teeth until the normal age of 12.

The effectiveness of fluorination has been studied over a period of time and it has been definitely established that in cities having a fluorinated water supply, tooth decay has been reduced 40 per cent.

Many cities throughout the country have introduced this process already.

Dentists discovered the value of fluorination when they found that a Texas community was surprisingly lacking in tooth decay because of the high percentage of natural fluorine in the city's water supply.

Fluorine will not affect the taste of the water.

It is an inexpensive process and certainly worth whatever it may cost when one considers how much can be saved in health and dental bills.

Fluorination has received the endorsement of the United States Public Health Service and the American Dental Association.

There is only one danger with fluorination which must be constantly guarded against: fluorine is only one of the factors which can combat tooth decay. The introduction of fluorination does not automatically prevent decay completely. It does not give kids the go-ahead signal to throw food precautions to the wind. Avoiding unhealthy foods will always remain the most important preventive measure against tooth decay.

The Torrance Press urges P-TAs, civic groups, service clubs, and the general community to endorse and encourage such a fluorination program for Torrance.



CURIOSITY, SMILES, AND A JOB WELL DONE... Vernon L. Miller (l-r) special census supervisor, handed the final results of the third Torrance census taken within three years to City Manager George Stevens, at the end of two weeks' work. Councilmen Willys Blount and Victor Benstead are anxious to get a peek at the new population figures for Torrance.

City Growth Unequaled

D-(oorbell) Day came to a close this week with resounding success.

With the smoke cleared and noses all counted the city's population now stands at 44,902.

City Manager George Stevens was all smiles, declaring that the new figure far surpassed all expectations.

More Than Double

"This means that Torrance has actually more than doubled in population since its last general census in April, 1950—we've increased over 100 per cent. We've grown 41 per cent since the special census taken in January of 1952."

Incomparable Growth

There is no city that can compare with Torrance's growth, officials maintained. The general census in 1950 set the Torrance figure at 22,241, and the first special census in 1952 placed it at 31,834. While such cities as Fullerton and Anaheim have had two special censuses, none of these or other cities has seen such rocketing increases as Torrance.

Newport Beach, which is having its third census now, only expects a 15 per cent increase.

City Manager Stevens felt that Torrance's growth was even incomparable on a national scale, Los Angeles, which is considered to be the fastest

City Will Listen While Sirens Blare

While air raid sirens will be blasting away Monday, November 23, in the city of Los Angeles, Torrance will perk up its ears to see if it can hear anything rather than test its own warning system at this time, George Powell, civil defense director for Torrance, announced.

The city will have individuals stationed on the fringe areas to see how far the Los Angeles system penetrates. Torrance will hold its own test on some other date.

Los Angeles will take part in the first of a series of State sponsored monthly tests of attack warning systems at Twelve noon on November 23 with a full three-minute warbling blast.

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Second Gold Rush Saturday

The gold rush will be on from now through the rest of the fall season with \$100 in cash being given away every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. in different parts of the Torrance shopping area plus many merchandise consolation prizes.

This Saturday, November 21, the \$100 cash prize and merchandise prizes will be given away in front of the Chamber of Commerce, El Prado, corner post.

Free tickets to be eligible for these prizes may be obtained from the following list of participating merchants:

Lawson's Jewelers, Gay Shop, Le King Shoe Store, Gary

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FIRST TO STRIKE GOLD... Mrs. Vickie Martin, 1672 W. 252nd street, Harbor City, was the first person to win \$100 in cash given away as part of the Gold Rush Days program sponsored by Torrance merchants every Saturday during the rest of the fall season. Tickets are available at most local stores. Another \$100 cash prize as well as many merchandise prizes will be given away this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. before the Chamber of Commerce, El Prado, near Cravens.

SANDY The Case of The Orange Male Cat...

Sandy is a cat, and an orange male cat, at that.

Being a normal cat, Sandy naturally got himself lost somehow or other.

Norman Laverty, of 804 Cranbrook avenue, immediately placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section (just cost 75 cents):

REWARD for orange male cat. Named Sandy. Lost Torrance Gardens area Saturday, Nov. 7. F.A. 8-2175

The results from this ad were multiple.

During the first couple of days the ad appeared, Laverty became two cats richer. Neither cat, however, answered to the name of Sandy.

The Case of the Orange Male Cat had the traditional happy ending, though. Somebody found the fearless adventurer and Sandy headed home again.

AT AF BASE

Billie V. Dunning, son of Mrs. Billie Dunning, of 605 Pine Drive, Torrance, is completing his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the world's largest air force base.

Gas Station Attendant Opens Fire On Bandits

"I just had to fire on those guys or you would have thought it was an inside job," a new gas station attendant told his boss in explanation of what made him play cops and robbers with three bandits, according to Detective Captain Ernie Ashton.

The three bandits involved have already been partially identified, Captain Ashton stated.

Jack Hughes, 33, an attendant at the Camino Oil company station at Redondo Beach and Crenshaw boulevards, found himself in front of the business end of a gun shortly after midnight Friday after Hughes had serviced the car in which the bandits drove up.

There were two men and a woman in the car.

The two male bandits forced Hughes to march to the office at gunpoint.

Market Town Stages Gala Celebration

This week end Market Town Markets begin their seventh Anniversary celebration in both Market Town, 15017 South Crenshaw and Market Town, 423 South Hawthorne boulevard. The two super markets will feature special values, entertainment, and surprises for four days beginning today and continuing through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. according to Theodore E. Cummings, president of Cummings Markets, Inc., which operates the Market Town Chain.

Free samples, and entertainment will be the order of the day during the entire event, Cummings said. Free orchids will be given to each woman customer on Saturday, while for the kiddies there will be free pony rides, at both stores, on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DEADLINE

The Thanksgiving edition of The Torrance Press will publish Monday, November 23. There will be no paper on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26. Deadline for all publicity releases is tomorrow morning, Friday, November 26.

Despondent, Mrs. L. Webb Takes Life

Apparently despondent, Mrs. Lola Webb, 45, 1910 Plaza del Amo, shot and killed herself with a .32-revolver Sunday night.

Mrs. Webb had been out with a woman-friend that evening.

The deceased had been employed at the National Supply Co.

Services were held at Stone and Myers mortuary by Rev. C. M. Northrup. The cremation was at Inglewood Crematory, November 14.

Mrs. Webb had been divorced five years. She was the wife of Joe Webb.

She is survived by: a son, James H. Webb, 2740 Andrea ave., Torrance; three brothers, Herbert Mann, Norco, California, Jasper Mann, Vida, Oregon, and Tom Mann, 1731 Gramercy Ave., Torrance; mother, Mrs. Abbie Lee, Yucaipa, Calif.; brothers-in-law, Jake Webb, Vallejo, Calif.; father-in-law, Neal Webb, Vallejo, Calif.; and sister-in-law Bernice Baldwin, Vallejo, Calif.

440 Homes To Be Built

A new 440 homes development will be going in around the Hillside area in the extreme south-end of Torrance east of Crenshaw boulevard, beyond the new tract and near the new city reservoir, it was revealed this week.

The 110-acre tract has been sold but the name of the buyer had not been divulged as yet.



IN PERSON: Max "Alibi" Terhune and the Dad's Root Beer Ventrilo Dummy, "Junior," will appear at Market Town, 15017 South Crenshaw, Gardena, Friday, November 20th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. "Alibi" thrills and mystifies everyone with his magic tricks, imitations and ventriloquism. "Alibi" and "Junior" have starred on Dad's television program for the past two years.

BANK TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

People of this area will get a preview of Bank of America's new Torrance branch tomorrow night when a public open house is held in the modern-design banking quarters at the corner of Sartori and Post avenues.

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the building will be open for public inspection. The bank's entire staff will be on hand to take visitors on a complete tour of the main banking floor and mezzanine. Light refreshments will be served to all visitors, and there will be baby orchids from Hawaii for the ladies, Manager Dean L. Sears said today.

Expands

"We want everyone to come and see what their patronage

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Entertainment

The famous Television ventriloquist Alibi Max Terhune will entertain at Market Town Hawthorne on Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and at the

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